

Overview of the Montana RTTT Innovation and Reform Plan

Montana's Governor and Superintendent of Public Instruction ask you to join us to improve our schools by:

Enhancing dual credit, dual enrollment, and concurrent enrollment opportunities for all parts of Montana in order to increase the number of students obtaining certificates and degrees while lowering the cost of college. Expanding distance learning opportunities to the most remote parts of Montana so all children, regardless of where they live, have access to the best teachers, diverse class offerings and college-level courses.

Developing a 3 tier system to assist schools and districts through a statewide system of support. This system will be based upon the individual school and district needs as determined by a multifaceted, data-driven process. One tier will be those schools and districts that are leaders in education in Montana. Another will be those that need assistance in specialized areas or help leveraging their limited resources to attend to a area of need. The final tier will be those schools and districts that are persistently low achieving.

Assisting schools that are persistently low achieving in cooperation with the Montana Board of Public Education.

Changing the Montana University System, private, and tribal schools of education programs so that they prepare teachers and administrators to respond to the needs of today and tomorrow's students wherever they choose to live and work.

Implementing a tiered system of licensure and tenure in Montana to improve all teachers and administrators as well as to reward high performing teachers regardless of tenure status.

Embracing a comprehensive Science, Technology, Engineering and Math education agenda at the K-12, undergraduate, graduate, certificate, and vocational levels by supporting initiatives that improve the knowledge, resources and skills of teachers.

Providing leadership and assistance to those schools that need to reduce drop-out and remediation rates and to increase graduation rates.

LEAs are not required to approve or agree with these elements of the Montana Innovation and Reform Plan in order to participate in the RTTT Program.